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WASHDC 03 FEB; ALSO SENT LISBON 05 FEB:

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E.O. 11652

TAGS: MARR, UK, IO

SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION, Q'S AND A'S

REF: A. LONDON 1553 B. STATE 22251

C. STATE 22250 D. LONDON 15554

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1. CONCUR CHANGES TO Q'S AND A'S RECOMMENDED BY FCO IN REF A WITH EXCEPTION THAT SENTENCE IN ANSWER 2 OF REF B BEGINNING "CURRENTLY THE NUCLEAR POWERED..." AND ENDING "OPERATING IN THE AREA" SHOULD SIMPLY BE DELETED. THE REPLACEMENT RECOMMENDED IN REF A SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE. REQUEST ALL ADDRESSEES MODIFY REF B ACCORDINGLY.

2. REQUEST ALL ADDRESSEES TO MODIFY CONTINGENCY STATEMENT (PAR 9, REF C) AS RECOMMENDED PARA 2, REF D. IN ADDITION, CHANGE THE WORD "RAMP" IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF STATEMENT TO "PARKING." PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS STATEMENT, WHILE TEXT JOINTLY AGREED, WILL NOT BE UTILIZED BY UK. WE INTEND TO USE ONLY ON CONTINGENCY BASIS IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES FOLLOWING PARLI-MENTARY PQ AND NOTIFICATION OF THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. REQUEST ALL ADDRESSEES MODIFY RATIONALE, PARAGAPH 6, REF E, BY ADDING "IF REQUIRED" TO THIRD SENTENCE FROM THE END. SENTENCE SHOULD NOW READ "...AVAILABLE FOR U.S. AND, IF REQUIRED, BRITISH USE." THIS RESPONDS TO LONDON 01556 NOTAL.

4. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EFFECT COORDINATION BETWEEN US AND UK POSTS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, AS REQUESTED REF D, WITH PROVISIO THAT NO REPEAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO NOTIFY HOST GOVERNMENTS UNTIL RECEIPT OF EXECUTE CABLE. DELHI EXEMPTED PER FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

5. FOR DELHI: FCO PREFERS U.S. TAKE LEAD IN NOTIFICATION AND, IN VIEW OF PRESS SEEPAGE ON DIEGO PLANS, THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION BE EFFECTED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4. DEPARTMENT LEAVES TO EMBASSY DISCRETION AS TO WHO TAKES LEAD WITH GOI BUT IN ANY EVENT WE AGREE TO NOTIFICATION BY EITHER YOU OR HICOM ON FEBRUARY 4.

6. ALL POSTS ARE REMINDED TO PROVIDE BRITISH COLLEAGUES TEXTS AS MODIFIED OF RATIONALE, Q'S AND A'S AND CONTINGENCY STATEMENT WHEN EFFECTING COORDINATION ON MONDAY. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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